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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

No. 20 Civ. 3315 (ER)

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CESAR FERNANDEZ-RODRIGUEZ, ROBER
GALVEZ-CHIMBO, SHARON HATCHER,
JONATHAN MEDINA, and JAMES WOODSON,
Individually and on behalf of all
others similarly Situated,

Petitioners,

vs.

MARTI LICON-VITALE, in her official
capacity as Warden of the Metropolitan
Correctional Center,

Respondent.

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VIDEO DEPOSITION OF
DR. ROBERT BEAUDOUIN
May 20, 2020

Reported by:

ERICA L. RUGGIERI, RPR

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2 coverage. So this doesn't
3 essentially apply to us because we
4 don't have -- we don't have 24-hour
5 coverage.

6 Q. Under the heading Purpose,
7 do you see the text there?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Is the purpose of this
10 document to provide guidance on
11 setting up an infirmary for COVID-19
12 patients at an institution without
13 an on-site infirmary?

14 A. Yes. But we don't have the
15 capacity to set up an infirmary.

16 Q. So has the MCC created any
17 sort of on-site infirmary to deal
18 with the COVID-19 pandemic?

19 A. No.

20 Q. And you mentioned that this
21 document -- please go ahead.

22 A. Okay. The infirmary would
23 mean that we would need 24-hour
24 coverage. We don't have the
25 capacity to provide 24-hour

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2 not apply. Of course there are
3 certain things that not only
4 specific to something as specific to
5 isolation we will follow them but we
6 do not have an infirmary to do the
7 isolation infirmary -- to follow the
8 isolation infirmary guidance.

9 Q. But the MCC is putting
10 individuals with suspected or
11 confirmed COVID-19 in isolation?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. But it does not have the
14 resources to follow this infirmary
15 isolation guidance?

16 A. Yes -- no, we don't have
17 the resources to do it.

18 Q. Do you recall a time
19 earlier this year when the MCC was
20 on lockdown due to a weapon being
21 brought into the facility?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do you recall around when
24 that was?

25 A. I believe it was in

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2 BOP, Bates MCC 1726, marked for
3 identification, as of this date.)

4 Q. This is a memo issued by
5 the BOP dated February 29, 2020,
6 concerning COVID-19 guidance, Bates
7 number MCC 1726.

8 So Mr. Beaudouin, you
9 established you are familiar with
10 this guidance?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And this is a memo that the
13 BOP circulated about preparation
14 that federal prison facilities
15 should be taking for COVID-19?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Do you recall when you
18 first became aware of this memo?

19 A. No. But I would say after
20 the memo was sent to the staff -- I
21 think the memo was sent to the -- it
22 just general agency and then he sent
23 it to me and our HSA, I think that
24 is around the time that I became
25 aware of it.

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2 Q. Would you say that was
3 around February 29th?

4 A. Probably around the time.
5 Probably not too far after that I
6 would say.

7 Q. Do you understand that in
8 this memorandum the BOP was making
9 recommendations about procedures
10 such as screening inmates?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Do you understand that
13 around this time the BOP was making
14 recommendations about establishing
15 baseline PPE supplies?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Are you familiar with a
18 pandemic influenza plan that was
19 established in 2012?

20 A. I could -- I can say I know
21 they asked us to review it but I
22 didn't review it -- we didn't review
23 it. We read it -- we read it but
24 it's not like we read it like study
25 it. So we essentially know that

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2 COVID-19?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Do you remember when that
5 happened?

6 A. I don't remember exactly
7 when that happened, no.

8 Q. Would you say that was also
9 around the end of March?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Were you involved with the
12 discussions about this?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Who else was involved in
15 these discussions?

16 A. I think -- I think the BOP
17 warden Mr. McFarland either asked
18 for us to develop a list or it could
19 have been the HSA or the AW or the
20 warden. I know that there was a
21 need to develop that list because
22 the CDC had a list of people would
23 be at higher risk of infection or
24 severe illness from COVID-19.

25 Q. So you think some assistant

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2 diagnosis too. VEMA, V-E-M-A. I'm
3 sorry for my accent, I have been
4 working on it for a while.

5 Q. There's no need to
6 apologize for that.

7 Is it your understanding that
8 everyone you recommended to be on
9 the list was included in the final
10 list of vulnerable inmates?

11 A. I don't know because I
12 didn't see the list and I didn't
13 collect the information so I don't
14 know.

15 Q. Did you ever add more
16 inmates to this list?

17 A. I don't think so.

18 Q. Do you know what steps were
19 taken to protect the inmates you
20 identified as most vulnerable?

21 A. Well, the inmates -- I
22 think -- I think most of inmates
23 were more serious medical condition,
24 housed in 11 South. So we know if
25 we get a call from 11 South, it

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2 could be an inmate with a serious
3 medical condition. Not that there
4 are no other inmates with other
5 serious illness or serious medical
6 condition that cannot be in another
7 unit but 11 South had more inmates
8 with medical condition there.

9 Q. Do you know if that just
10 happened to be the case or if
11 inmates were moved to 11 South?

12 A. I think at some point
13 inmates were moved to 11 South. And
14 that was -- I think that was even
15 before -- before COVID-19.

16 Q. Before COVID-19 you think
17 the vulnerable inmates were moved to
18 11 South?

19 A. Right. I think so.

20 Q. Were you involved in the
21 decision to move them?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Do you know who made that
24 decision?

25 A. I think it was done at the

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2 symptom so every staff member know
3 if they have symptoms what to do and
4 everybody essentially know.

5 Q. Do the staff members know
6 what to do if they have had exposure
7 to someone with symptoms?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And what are the --

10 A. In general, if you have
11 exposure to someone who has they
12 should call human resources say they
13 have exposure and then human
14 resources will tell them what the
15 CDC recommend or the BOP recommends
16 is to go in quarantine for 14 days
17 and you may need to talk to your
18 doctor. At the beginning quarantine
19 was what was recommended, not being
20 tested, unless you are sick enough
21 to go to the hospital and think --
22 and you are going to be admitted,
23 you are not going to be tested.
24 They would say stay in quarantine
25 for 14 days and see how your

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2 symptoms are and then you could
3 report later. Essentially you had
4 to still talk to your doctor.

5 Q. Were you ever personally
6 involved with conducting new
7 screenings?

8 A. I am not sure. I may have.
9 I don't think. I'm not sure really.
10 You know, different staff member in
11 the medical were doing it. I am not
12 sure I did. I may have but I can't
13 remember exactly right now.

14 Q. Is it your understanding
15 that when they are conducting the
16 screening they ask -- they follow
17 this form?

18 A. Yes. You have to check yes
19 or no on this form. So yes, they do
20 it.

21 Q. So what happens when a
22 staff member shows symptoms?

23 A. Okay. They would follow
24 the recommendation. Contact -- if
25 they have symptom, they contact the

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2 Q. Any additional staff tested
3 positive since May 13th?

4 A. I don't know.

5 Q. Are you informed when a
6 staff member tests positive?

7 A. So actually I spoke with
8 the human resource manager. He told
9 me for the past two weeks there were
10 no positive tests. So that's a
11 correction.

12 Q. Are you informed when a
13 staff member tests positive?

14 A. I wasn't being informed
15 regularly. At first the AW, I
16 think, was contacting the HSA to do
17 the contact investigation. And then
18 after the HSA got sick and she was
19 contacting me, but I think she
20 contacted me like three or four
21 times to do some contact
22 investigation but from the chart
23 there are many more staff that
24 needed some contact investigation
25 who tested positive. But what we

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2 are doing now is that the human
3 resource manager is sending me this
4 form so I also told him that if
5 anybody tests positive, he needs to
6 let me know or let the assistant HSA
7 know so we can do -- for him to
8 provide us the list of possible
9 contact for the staff, for us to do
10 a contact investigation. So we
11 working on improving -- improving
12 the contact investigation.

13 Q. And you haven't been
14 informed of anyone else who tested
15 positive?

16 A. For the past two weeks he
17 told me no, there are nobody -- or
18 there is nobody who tested positive
19 -- positive.

20 Q. Are you responsible for
21 conducting contact investigations?

22 A. I don't know if that's my
23 duties but another thing, you know,
24 another thing in medical, whenever
25 there's something, it's like a

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2 medical job. So in term of doing
3 the contact investigation it's --
4 essentially anybody can do it. Like
5 outside they are hiring clubs to do
6 contact investigation. They are not
7 hiring doctors to do contact
8 investigation. But anybody can do
9 it but somebody medical other than
10 me or the assistant HSA will be
11 doing it. So we going to tighten up
12 on the contact investigation.

13 Q. So your understanding is to
14 date only three or four of these
15 individuals or four -- only three or
16 four of these individuals have
17 contact tracing been done?

18 A. Right, yes. That I have
19 done.

20 Q. Do you understand that
21 there were multiple instances when
22 staff who were positive for COVID-19
23 continued to report to work at the
24 MCC?

25 A. I don't know that.

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2 Q. Could you please direct
3 your attention to the entry for case
4 number NYM-06?

5 A. Okay. NYM-06, yes.

6 Q. And apologies if your print
7 out is small. But does this
8 indicate that the staff member
9 symptoms began on March 25th, 2020?

10 A. That's what it says there,
11 March 25th, 2020.

12 Q. Does this indicate that the
13 staff member got a COVID test on
14 March 25th?

15 A. Yes, March 25th.

16 Q. Does this indicate that the
17 result of the test was positive?

18 A. Yes. Does this indicate --
19 we don't have the date. We have the
20 test date. When the result I don't
21 know that they put the result on
22 here. I don't know when they got
23 the result though.

24 Q. Does this indicate that the
25 staff member continued reporting to

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2 work until March 28th?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Even if the staff member
5 did not have a positive test by that
6 date, would you have recommended
7 that that individual continue coming
8 to work?

9 A. If the staff member had
10 symptoms -- well, he had symptoms so
11 I would recommend that he didn't
12 come to work.

13 Q. Can you direct your
14 attention for the entry NYM-45?

15 A. Okay. 45.

16 Q. Does this indicate that the
17 staff member symptoms began on
18 March 24th, 2020?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Does this indicate that the
21 staff member continued to report to
22 work until March 29th, 2020?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Does this indicate that the
25 staff member tested positive for

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2 COVID-19?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Would you again have the
5 recommendation that this staff
6 member should not have reported to
7 work?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Can you please direct your
10 attention to the entry for case
11 number NYM-33?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Does this indicate that the
14 staff member symptoms began on
15 April 13, 2020?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Does this indicate that the
18 staff member had a COVID test on
19 April 13, 2020?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Does this indicate that the
22 result of that test was positive?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Does this indicate that the
25 staff member continued to report to

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2 work until April 19, 2020?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Would you again have
5 recommended that this staff member
6 not report to work?

7 A. I would recommend that he
8 or she didn't report to work,
9 correct.

10 Q. If you look at the return
11 to duty date since tested positive
12 column, does this indicate that this
13 individual returned to work on
14 April 28th, 2020?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And if you look at the
17 additional information column, does
18 this indicate that the individual
19 tested positive again on May 8th,
20 2020?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Would it be your
23 understanding that this individual
24 was still positive for COVID when
25 they returned to work on April 28th?

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2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Would you please direct
4 your attention for the entry for
5 NYM-27?

6 A. 27, yes.

7 Q. Does this indicate that the
8 staff member's symptoms began on
9 April 6, 2020?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And a COVID test on
12 April 13, 2020?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Does this indicate that the
15 result of the test was positive?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Does this indicate that the
18 individual continued to report to
19 work until April 16th?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Would it be your
22 recommendation that this individual
23 should not have reported to work?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Now, again --

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2 A. Also my recommendation --
3 it's also my recommendation, most
4 likely the staff member was wearing
5 a face mask while he was at work, so
6 which mean he's unlikely if he's
7 wearing a face mask and taking the
8 usual precautions he's probably
9 unlikely to transmit the disease.

10 Q. But he was working at the
11 MCC with a positive case of COVID?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Does this -- going to the
14 last column again. Does this
15 indicate that this individual
16 returned to work on April 28th,
17 2020?

18 A. Which -- which case we
19 talking about right now?

20 Q. We are talking about
21 NYM-27?

22 A. 27. He report to work --
23 he report to work on the 13th --
24 no, I'm sorry, on the 16th.

25 Q. Yeah. I think --

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2 A. I'm sorry, kind of confused
3 there.

4 Q. No, sorry. That was my
5 fault.

6 So we are looking at the entry
7 for NYM-27. And it indicates that
8 the last date that they -- sorry,
9 the date until which they continued
10 to work is April 16, 2020, correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Does this indicate that
13 this individual returned to work on
14 May 4th, 2020?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And does this indicate that
17 the individual tested positive again
18 on May 10, 2020?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Would it be your
21 understanding that this individual
22 returned to work while they were
23 still positive for COVID-19?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Is a negative COVID-19 test

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2 they were so I did not go exactly to
3 see what this process is. I just
4 ask for the names. So what I would
5 think is that if you work in an
6 office or in the same department,
7 these are your contacts, of course
8 they are the people you get in
9 contact with. The people you work
10 closely with would be the people you
11 are in contact and of course others
12 and also he could have contact with
13 inmates.

14 Q. Do you know if there's a
15 policy detailing how contact tracing
16 should be done?

17 A. No, I don't know.

18 Q. Do you have any sort of
19 tracker that you can look at to see
20 of the individuals who have tested
21 positive for COVID-19 who -- for
22 whom have a contact tracing
23 investigation been performed?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Do you have a list of all

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2 question?

3 Q. Would it be correct to say
4 that you do not receive information
5 about individuals who are out of the
6 office due to COVID-19 symptoms but
7 have not taken a test for it?

8 MR. BARNEA: Same objection.

9 A. Yes, that's correct.

10 Q. For the contact
11 investigations you have performed,
12 what steps are taken for those who
13 came into contact with that staff
14 member?

15 A. Well, the screening form, I
16 use the screening form on them and I
17 do take their temperature and 6 CK
18 it has a different symptom. In my
19 cases when I did them, none of them
20 had temperature, taking their
21 temperature none of them had a fever
22 and they didn't have any symptoms.

23 Q. So if a staff member has
24 been in contact with another staff
25 member who has tested positive for

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2 COVID-19, that staff member is
3 expected to continue reporting to
4 work unless they themselves
5 displayed a symptom; is that
6 correct?

7 A. Yes, that's my
8 understanding. Wait. CK test a
9 staff member who has tested positive
10 and has contact with somebody who
11 has no symptom and the question is
12 that the contact is expected to come
13 to work, is that your question?

14 Q. Yes.

15 A. Yeah, the contact is
16 supposed to come work, the contact
17 supposed to wear the face mask and
18 also take the regular precautions.

19 Q. In the contact
20 investigations you have conducted
21 have you identified inmates that a
22 positive staff member has been in
23 contact with?

24 A. When I did the contact
25 investigation we were -- we were

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2 screening of the inmate when we are
3 doing the COVID-19 screening while
4 they are in quarantine or isolation.

5 Q. When did the MCC start
6 screening inmates for COVID-19?

7 A. We started screening I
8 think after at the end of March
9 after we had the first case.

10 MS. KALA: Could everyone open
11 or turn to the document that has
12 been marked Exhibit 9.

13 (Exhibit 9, Inmate Screening
14 Tool, Bates MCC 1469, marked for
15 identification, as of this date.)

16 MS. KALA: This is the
17 COVID-19 Inmate Screening Tool
18 dated February 2020, Bates No. MCC
19 1496.

20 MR. BARNEA: 1469.

21 MS. KALA: Thank you. 1469.

22 Q. Are you familiar with this
23 document?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Can you tell me what it is?

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2 is, you do admissions.

3 Q. I'm talking about the
4 screening that is performed on a
5 day-to-day basis for general
6 population inmates.

7 A. Okay, the screening. So we
8 go through the cell, we take their
9 temperature. We ask them the usual
10 questions, do you have cough, chest
11 pains, shortness of breath, fever,
12 nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of
13 taste, loss of smell, muscle aches
14 and pains. We do that essentially I
15 know on the first two or three days
16 of contacting the inmate we do that.
17 After a while because I know that
18 there was a complaint from the
19 inmate saying that we don't ask them
20 these questions anymore. I asked
21 the staff do we still continue to do
22 that. They say we do it two or
23 three times. So next time how are
24 you doing you. And also since I'm
25 seeing the patient I can look at the

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2 patient and see how he's doing. I
3 ask him how are you doing. If they
4 say I'm fine and the temperature is
5 good, it's normal, then I'm good
6 with it. But if the patient was
7 sick, I would send the inmate to
8 medical to be examined. So that's
9 how we have been doing it.

10 But I understand the problem
11 was that the inmate was saying that
12 we stop asking them the usual
13 symptoms and I instructed the staff
14 forward to continue asking them the
15 usual questions, besides taking the
16 temperature to ask them the usual
17 questions. Right now we doing one
18 unit every day and unit 11 we do it
19 twice a week.

20 Q. Is there any sort of
21 document that's used for this
22 screening process?

23 A. Well, at first we are using
24 the image screening tool. Since we
25 have more than 700 inmates it's

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2 become cumbersome to be copying this
3 page, you know, so many times. So
4 we started using the roster and
5 write on the side of the roster the
6 temperature and if that are some
7 symptoms we write it on the side
8 too.

9 Q. Did you say roster?

10 A. Yeah. Roster, R-O-S-T-E-R.

11 Q. Got it. Are the results of
12 the screenings recorded in any way
13 besides being on the roster?

14 A. No. We didn't report it
15 because of staffing because it takes
16 -- it takes time. It takes really a
17 lot of time. There's 700 inmates.
18 The only thing that was recorded in
19 isolation. In isolation the
20 temperature was recorded. But
21 usually in quarantine we did not
22 record them. We tested weekend
23 records.

24 Q. You mentioned that one unit
25 is being screened every day. What

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2 does that mean?

3 MR. BARNEA: Objection to
4 form.

5 A. No, no. We screen one unit
6 a day, not one unit every day.
7 Let's say we have unit 2, unit 3 is
8 a quarantine unit, unit 5 -- unit 5,
9 unit 7, unit 9, unit 11. Unit 2 is
10 only once a week. We go and take
11 the inmates temperature once a week.
12 We do for seven. That's what I'm
13 trying to say. Unit 11 we do it
14 twice a week.

15 Q. Was there ever a time where
16 the screening was being done more
17 frequently?

18 A. I'm sorry to interrupt you.
19 11 South, not 11 north.

20 Yes. There was a time that we
21 were doing it every day when we had
22 COVID cases, we were screening every
23 unit every day.

24 Q. When was that?

25 A. More than two weeks ago.

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2 Q. And do you know roughly how
3 long that lasted for?

4 A. I think everything started
5 after end of March.

6 Q. What happens if someone
7 displayed symptoms of COVID-19
8 during the screening?

9 A. Okay. Somebody developed
10 symptoms then we going to examine
11 them further. We going to bring
12 them -- first we going to put a face
13 mask, bring them to medical so we do
14 a further examination.

15 Q. Is this done when an inmate
16 displays any symptoms of COVID-19?

17 A. Yes. Any symptoms, as long
18 as they have symptoms, yes, we would
19 do it.

20 Q. What happens if someone has
21 a fever?

22 A. Well, the fever is like the
23 most important symptom in general.

24 If somebody has a fever, yes.

25 Person has a fever, then we are

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2 going to put him in isolation. We
3 are going to examine him too.

4 Q. Continue.

5 A. We are going to examine
6 him -- I said we are going to
7 examine him too. Check his lungs,
8 check his heart. Yeah, we going to
9 examine him too.

10 Q. But it results in automatic
11 isolation as well?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What if someone has a fever
14 of 99.5?

15 A. Well, we go with 100.4.
16 That's the number, 100.4.

17 Q. If an inmate has a fever
18 below 100.4, are any steps taken?

19 A. If the inmate has other
20 symptoms, we got to look at the
21 inmates globally essentially. Let's
22 say the inmate have a temperature of
23 99.6, 99.8 but he has all the
24 symptoms, we will take the symptom
25 as a global, well he has other

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2 A. It's an isolation checklist
3 for COVID-19.

4 Q. In the Move to Isolation
5 row, does this document indicate
6 that inmates presenting with
7 symptoms of COVID-like illness
8 should be placed in isolation?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Are you aware of any
11 inmates who have said they have
12 symptoms that are not placed into
13 isolation?

14 A. I am not aware of that.
15 But also, when you say symptoms, not
16 all symptoms may have to deal with
17 COVID-19.

18 Q. Would you agree that fever
19 is a symptom of COVID-19?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Would you agree that a
22 cough is a symptom of COVID-19?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Would you agree that
25 shortness of breath is a symptom of

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2 COVID-19?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Would you agree that muscle
5 aches are a symptom?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Would you agree that there
8 are other symptoms of COVID-19 that
9 have been defined by the CDC?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Would you consider any
12 symptoms identified by the CDC as
13 requiring an inmate to be placed in
14 isolation?

15 A. In generally, yes.

16 Q. Were inmates previously
17 being placed into isolation in the
18 special housing unit?

19 A. I'm sorry, can you repeat
20 that.

21 Q. Sure. Were inmates
22 previously being placed into
23 isolation in the special housing
24 unit?

25 A. Yes. That was at first,

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2 A. I determine that.

3 Q. Are post recovery -- are
4 post recovery symptoms tracked after
5 an inmate is released from
6 isolation?

7 A. After an inmate is -- no,
8 we don't essentially track them, but
9 if the inmate, depending where the
10 unit inmate goes, inmate have access
11 to -- inmate have access to a sick
12 call, inmate have access to us from
13 the unit officer. Also inmate can
14 -- when inmate is being done -- is
15 being done by medical staff inmate
16 have access to us.

17 Q. Is there any procedure for
18 scheduling a medical checkup with an
19 inmate in the week or two after they
20 have been removed from isolation?

21 A. No.

22 Q. How many inmates have been
23 isolated since March 1st?

24 A. Okay. So I could count the
25 numbers there.

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2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Is that 40 out of about 200
4 staff members?

5 A. I don't know the exact
6 staffing of MCC but it could be, it
7 could be 200.

8 Q. If it is about 200, what
9 would in your mind explain the
10 discrepancy between the percentage
11 of inmates with COVID-19 symptoms
12 and the percent of staff who have
13 tested positive for COVID-19?

14 A. Testing. If you test more
15 inmates, you are likely going to
16 have more inmates positive. But
17 remember even in hospital they were
18 not testing at the beginning. You
19 know, at the beginning I sent
20 inmates to the hospital, they did
21 not test them, we are not going to
22 admit him. There was no need to
23 test. So the more you test, the
24 higher the likelihood of having
25 positive results.

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2 are housed on 11 South.

3 Q. Is that an open dormitory
4 unit?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And were those inmates
7 quarantined there while 11 South was
8 in quarantine?

9 A. Yes -- the inmate at 11
10 South, when the inmate were
11 quarantined, yes, they were in
12 quarantine as a cohort.

13 MS. KALA: Could everyone
14 please open what has been marked as
15 Exhibit 12.

16 (Exhibit 12, BOP Quarantine
17 Guidance: New admits, Contacts of
18 COVID-19, and Pending Release,
19 Bates MCC 1633, marked for
20 identification, as of this date.)

21 MS. KALA: This is BOP
22 Quarantine Guidance: New admits,
23 Contacts of COVID-19, and Pending
24 Release. This is May 7, 2020,
25 Bates number is MCC 1633.

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2 A. Yeah. We go see them, we
3 do temperature check, we do symptom
4 check. Yeah, we check on them.

5 Q. And how often?

6 A. We do it once a day.

7 Q. Are there any situations
8 where an inmate who is displaying
9 COVID-19 symptoms is left in the
10 unit?

11 A. Are there any situations
12 where one inmate is complaining of
13 COVID-19 is left in the unit?

14 Q. Yeah.

15 A. If we know of it, we
16 wouldn't do it. If we don't know of
17 it, we don't know. But if we know,
18 we are going to aggregate, regularly
19 aggregate, that's a normal
20 operation.

21 Q. Are there any housing units
22 that have never had inmates with
23 COVID-19 symptoms in them?

24 A. No. All the units have
25 been in quarantine, that means they

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2 must have had somebody with

3 symptoms.

4 Q. What is the MCC's policy
5 for who gets tested for COVID-19?

6 A. The policy is not MCC
7 policy. The policy is Bureau of
8 Prison policy. They made some
9 adjustments in the policy. So they
10 want us to test if we knew inmates
11 would come in, in the new
12 admissions. Do you want to test --
13 to contact, let's say one inmate
14 become positive for -- let's say one
15 inmate in our system is contact
16 would also be tested. And I think
17 there was something else. But
18 essentially these are the new -- the
19 new guidance. The new guidance, all
20 new admit are going to be tested.
21 The contact of somebody who is put
22 in isolation will be tested. I
23 think I'm missing something. But
24 that's essentially the new guideline
25 -- there was a new guideline that

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2 was sent out very recently.

3 Q. And what are you doing to
4 comply with that new guideline?

5 A. We just meet with the COVID
6 machine. We are not using it yet
7 because we have to get the staff
8 trained on it. So we have three
9 known mental chemists (ph). We sent
10 it to Labcorp. We do the swab and
11 we send it to Labcorp for the test.

12 Q. When did you receive the --
13 this Abbott testing machine?

14 A. We receive it last
15 Thursday.

16 Q. And when -- by when do you
17 plan to be able to conduct tests
18 with this machine?

19 A. Well, we waiting to buy a
20 printer so to make it official for
21 the lawyers so we waiting to buy a
22 printer so when we have the results
23 we get that quick instead of the
24 staff writing on the e-mail note
25 negative or positive, we wanted it

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2 to be pretty so it look more
3 professional and more official. So
4 when we have the printer, then we
5 would use it. In the meantime the
6 only medical conduct was going to do
7 the testing and send it to Labcorp
8 for -- send it to Labcorp for
9 evaluation.

10 Q. And how will you conduct
11 their tests for those new inmates
12 who come in?

13 A. How? Well, we get the
14 testing kit, which is a swap. We do
15 a nasal applying to swab or no
16 applying to Schwab.

17 Q. Have you made a request for
18 the MCC to buy a printer so you can
19 start using the rapid testing
20 machine?

21 A. Well, the rapid testing
22 machine is not really rapid.
23 Because it takes 15 minutes to do a
24 test. So that is four an hour. And
25 let's say you have -- if you add one

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2 were low, could an order for test
3 kits have been placed in late March?

4 A. Well, could have, yes.

5 Q. Did you consider placing an
6 order for test kits in late March?

7 A. No, I didn't consider
8 placing an order for testing. Also
9 it would have been have been advised
10 to place order for testing. I don't
11 think we were advised to order
12 testing kits for COVID-19 at the
13 time.

14 Q. And when you placed the
15 order for test kits on April 10th,
16 do you remember how long it took for
17 the tests to arrive?

18 A. I think it took about two
19 or three days.

20 Q. Are inmates who are
21 isolated and then returned to the
22 general population ever placed in
23 dormitory units?

24 A. I cannot answer ever. I
25 don't know. I don't know.

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2 Q. Can you look at the entry
3 for Litigation No. 223.

4 A. Yes, 223. 223, yes.

5 Q. Under Additional
6 Information do you see from SHU to
7 11 South?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. What does that mean?

10 A. So when the inmate
11 initially goes in isolation he was
12 returned to his unit, the unit he
13 was in before. He was in 11 South.

14 Q. And is 11 South a dormitory
15 unit?

16 A. Yes, it is a dormitory
17 unit.

18 Q. Could you please look at
19 Litigation No. 136.

20 A. 136. Okay, 136.

21 Q. In Additional Information
22 does that say "unit 3/moved to 11
23 South"?

24 A. Yes. I believe it's the
25 same -- I believe it could have been

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2 inmates 122 and 303?

3 MR. BARNEA: Those are
4 quarantined inmates not isolated
5 inmates, right?

6 MS. KALA: Yes. Thank you.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. So leaving aside those
9 two who are quarantined, for
10 isolated inmates is a positive test
11 required -- sorry, is a negative
12 test required before the inmate is
13 moved into the general population?

14 A. No.

15 Q. And your understanding is
16 that inmates on 11 South are not
17 able to maintain social distance; is
18 that correct?

19 A. It's a dorm so they are
20 close to each other. It is safe to
21 say they can't maintain six feet
22 social distancing.

23 Q. Do you believe that the
24 five positive inmates to date
25 captures all inmates who have or

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2 A. The sick call is considered
3 the official version when inmate
4 goes on the computer and put on
5 electronic sick call. The copout,
6 which we call copout was that the
7 inmate write a little piece of paper
8 something and he give it to a staff
9 member, this is what is considered a
10 copout.

11 Q. So would it be fair to
12 describe the way to make requests as
13 oral requests, paper requests and
14 electronic requests?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. I know you described a
17 number of different ways in which
18 oral requests could be made. What
19 is the actual process for making an
20 oral request?

21 A. Well, the oral request you
22 talk to somebody. You say, oh, I
23 got this, oh, can you call medical
24 for me. That's -- that's it.

25 Q. Is there any particular

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2 passed on to the medical staff?

3 A. Oh, the officer can just
4 call you. Doctor, this inmate says
5 he has this and that, can you see
6 him. And then 99 percent of the
7 time we say yes, send him down.

8 Q. How soon after an oral
9 request is made by an inmate is it
10 passed on to the medical staff?

11 A. I don't know. I can't tell
12 you that. If it's even to a medical
13 staff, let's say medical staff is
14 doing -- is doing fill lines and
15 Mr. Smith's stop by and says, Doc, I
16 need you see for this and that, and
17 the staff would right write it
18 himself and say, okay, we will call
19 you later. So that would be one
20 way.

21 Q. Are there any guidelines
22 for how oral sick call requests are
23 passed on to medical staff if they
24 are reported to a nonmedical staff
25 member?

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2 A. No, I don't think so.

3 Q. How are paper requests for
4 medical care passed to the medical
5 staff?

6 A. The inmates write a piece
7 of paper and they give it to medical
8 -- the medical staff.

9 Q. So the inmate has to
10 directly give it to a medical staff
11 person?

12 A. Well, the -- yes, he would
13 have -- yes, to a medical staffer,
14 yes.

15 Q. And what about electronic
16 sick calls?

17 A. Electronic sick call the
18 inmate goes to the computer and put
19 in the information and that's how
20 they explain sick call is done.

21 Q. And how does it come to you
22 or to the medical staff?

23 A. The electronic sick call go
24 to a bag, a computer bag, where the
25 HSA, an HSA and they have a nurse

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2 Technically they all supposed to be
3 either brought down to medical or be
4 put on the call-out to be seen.

5 Q. Is there any policy saying
6 when someone needs to be seen --
7 when someone needs to be brought
8 down right away?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And what is that policy?

11 A. Well, these are for acute
12 conditions. Let's say somebody
13 saying I have chest pains, is the
14 guy having a heart attack, let's say
15 the guy is bleeding or he has some
16 weakness on one side. He's out for
17 potentially emergency condition.

18 Q. Would you say COVID-19
19 symptoms are an acute condition?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Going back to the type of
22 requests for medical care. When you
23 received or any medical staff
24 member, I should say, received an
25 oral request for medical care, is

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2 that recorded anywhere?

3 A. No. No one requests the
4 images I think. Oh, I got this, can
5 you bring me down. That's not
6 something you going -- that's not
7 something we are going to record
8 somewhere. If you record it, he
9 going to the computer and put in an
10 official request.

11 Q. If the inmate makes an oral
12 request but is not seen right away,
13 is any sort of record made of that
14 request?

15 A. No. The only request
16 between the inmate and the staff
17 member.

18 Q. What about any paper
19 copouts, are those recorded --

20 A. The paper copouts, the way
21 the paper copout working handled was
22 that. When we receive the paper
23 copouts, we just schedule them or
24 call it down and these paper copouts
25 we keeping them and recording them

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2 in the medical records. So we are
3 not keeping them. So I know that's
4 been a problem with booking, the
5 same thing booking with -- we are
6 not recording the paper copouts.
7 After we finish reviewing it or
8 scheduling the admit, the little
9 piece of paper we were shedding the
10 little piece of paper. But from
11 what we know happens in blueprints,
12 they say we should report them. So
13 when I got that little piece of
14 paper with writing so I get some
15 Scotch tape, put it on the -- Scotch
16 tape, put it on the imprint and tape
17 it so that it can go in the record.
18 But I think that the way that we
19 have to start doing that in the
20 future for whatever paper copout we
21 get, we're going to record it and
22 for it to go in as an official
23 record.

24 Q. Have any paper sick call
25 requests been saved?

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2 A. After we heard it was the
3 Brooklyn issue, so whatever paper
4 copout we get, we keeping them.

5 Q. When did you hear about the
6 Brooklyn issue?

7 A. Two weeks ago. Not too
8 long ago.

9 Q. Before that date were any
10 paper sick call requests saved?

11 A. No. We are not keeping
12 that. We think it was an official
13 record.

14 Q. Before that date to your
15 knowledge were all paper sick call
16 requests shredded?

17 A. That's what I think, yes.

18 Q. And are electronic sick
19 call requests recorded anywhere?

20 A. Well, the electronic, they
21 always there. They always on the
22 computer. So yes, they are there.

23 Q. And would you say the
24 record of all electronic sick call
25 requests is the inbox that receives

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2 A. Yes. That's in -- that's
3 in the electronic medical records.
4 When the inmate is seen and an
5 account is created where he does --
6 he does say what the complaint of
7 the inmate is, what the objective
8 is, which is were the vital signs
9 taken, was their weight taken, and a
10 physical exam, is the an assessment
11 in place and some had medication.

12 Q. When medical staff receives
13 a request for medical care related
14 to the COVID-19 symptoms, how
15 quickly are they supposed to
16 respond?

17 A. Oh, they are supposed to
18 respond immediately.

19 Q. Are they supposed to inform
20 you about such a request for medical
21 care?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Are they supposed to inform
24 you if they have identified or
25 learned about an inmate with

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2 Q. Dr. Beaudouin, who receives
3 e-mails sent to the sick call box?

4 A. It goes through a fax. HSA
5 has access to it -- HSA has access
6 to it and the nurse who is in charge
7 of monitoring it has access to it.
8 These are the people --

9 Q. Who are those individuals?

10 A. The HSA? You want names?

11 Q. Yes, please.

12 A. Terrance, T-E-R-R-A-N-C-E,
13 Chomas, C-H-O-M-A-S, the assistant
14 HSA. Marc, M-A-R-C, Yonnone,
15 Y-O-N-N-O-N-E. And the nurse has
16 been out -- has been deployed for
17 probably four weeks now. The nurse
18 is Joseph Columbo, C-O-L-O-M-B-O.

19 Q. Who maintains the sick
20 call.

21 A. I don't if other people
22 have access.

23 Who maintains the sick call
24 box? It's the computer thing, I
25 don't know who did it.

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2 Q. Who is responsible for
3 responding to requests received to
4 the sick call box?

5 A. It is a nurse that is
6 responsible for checking the medical
7 box. Called the HSA (inaudible).

8 Q. Could you please turn to
9 page 19. I think you may not have
10 page numbers on your printout so let
11 me give you the Bates number. It's
12 Bates number MCC 0219.

13 A. Okay, I got it.

14 Q. Is this an e-mail from an
15 individual who has now been
16 identified as inmate 343?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And this e-mail was sent to
19 the sick call box on April 17, 2020?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Did you see this e-mail?

22 A. I just saw it now.

23 Q. Prior to now did you see
24 this e-mail?

25 A. No, I didn't read all of

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2 can't see. It's on the right side
3 of the page.

4 Q. How about now, can you see
5 the whole document?

6 A. No. Could you move it to
7 the left a little bit.

8 Q. Sure. I'm not sure if that
9 will help. Does that help?

10 A. It's hard to read.

11 MR. BARNEA: It's very small.
12 Can you zoom in a little bit.

13 Q. Yes, I'm trying to find a
14 good balance. How about this? No,
15 too small?

16 A. Yeah, still too small.
17 Can't make it out, no.

18 Q. Okay. Can you see the
19 whole document?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay, great. Is this a
22 response to an e-mail from an
23 individual now identified as inmate
24 324?

25 A. Yes. I see it says

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2 schedule for sick call.

3 Q. When was that response
4 sent?

5 A. It's saying it was sent on
6 5/5.

7 Q. Did you write the response?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Was the inmate's initial
10 message sent on April 16, 2020?

11 A. Yes, that's what it says.

12 Q. Did the inmate's message
13 describe shortness of breath?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Did this inmate's request
16 describe chest pains?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Do you understand these to
19 be COVID-19 symptoms?

20 MR. BARNEA: Objection to
21 form.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do you understand chest
24 pain to be a symptom demanding an
25 emergency response?

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2 A. Yes. But it depend on the
3 type of asthma. It has to be
4 moderate to severe asthma, and I
5 don't remember this inmate.

6 Q. You don't remember this
7 inmate?

8 A. No, I don't remember him.

9 Q. Could you please turn to
10 page 9. This is Bates number MCC
11 0209. I'm not sure if you can see
12 it on my screen or if you need a
13 moment to find it.

14 A. Yeah, I can see it.

15 Q. Is this in response to an
16 e-mail from an individual now
17 identified as inmate 235?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Was this response sent on
20 May 5th, 2020?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Does this response say
23 scheduled for sick call?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Did you write this

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2 response?

3 A. No. I don't write any of
4 these responses.

5 Q. Was the inmate's initial
6 message sent on March 15, 2020?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Did the inmate's message
9 describe coughing?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Does this inmate's message
12 describe a fever?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Were you informed of this
15 e-mail?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Is coughing a symptom of
18 COVID-19?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Is fever a symptom of
21 COVID-19?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do you have reason to
24 believe this inmate received a
25 response to their sick call request

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2 Q. Were any responses to sick
3 calls -- to electronic sick call
4 requests made prior to May 5th,
5 2020?

6 A. No, it's not indicated
7 here, no.

8 Q. And --

9 MR. BARNEA: I'm sorry. Did
10 you mean this particular one or all
11 of them?

12 Q. Yeah, to clarify, I'm
13 talking about the whole set. Were
14 any responses made prior to May 5th,
15 2020?

16 A. Well, the sick call box was
17 not being monitored regular after
18 the Brooklyn interview so I talk
19 with the assistant and we have plan
20 that this is -- the first thing he
21 does when he start working, he go to
22 the sick call box and review the
23 sick call box. He was in there, but
24 he may need to be brought down for
25 evaluation, for the inmate to be

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2 brought down depending on the
3 symptom or the complaint and the
4 inmate need to be scheduled. We
5 know this has been a problem in the
6 past, something that we are working
7 to fix.

8 Q. When did you find out --
9 you referenced you found out
10 something about the MCC and then
11 changed this practice; is that
12 correct?

13 A. Well, the sick call box has
14 nothing to with the MCC. We know
15 about the sick call box. The nurse
16 supposed to be monitoring it, they
17 can check and they are supposed to
18 be monitoring it. The only thing I
19 said to MCC are those little paper
20 copout with three lines on the
21 little piece of paper that's
22 supposed to be into the medical
23 records. That's something -- that
24 is something. But the sick call,
25 the electronic medical record that's

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2 in there so monitoring it has not
3 been done timely, that's something
4 that now is being done.

5 Q. Sorry, I think I
6 misunderstood you so I just want to
7 make sure I have this correct. What
8 prompted you to change the policy
9 with regard to monitoring of the
10 sick call box?

11 MR. BARNEA: Objection to
12 form.

13 A. It's not a change in
14 policy. Essentially the sick call
15 box was supposed to be monitored by
16 the nurse. Okay, the nurse went on
17 -- was deployed so that slowed down
18 the thing and then the correctional
19 facility, the HSA has been on leave
20 so the assistant HSA started to
21 monitor the box. It hasn't been
22 done timely. So we know it's a
23 problem and we -- this is one thing
24 I discuss with him, whatever he do
25 the first thing in the morning go to

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2 the sick call box, handle what's in
3 there. So this is something we
4 doing right now to make sure that
5 it's being addressed because we
6 know, you know, something could go
7 wrong with that. I can go to the
8 lines medical staff you know, you
9 know, if they want to be seen
10 immediately we usually tell them, if
11 you have serious symptoms, it's not
12 probably good to put it on sick
13 call, you need to talk to somebody.
14 Talking to somebody can get the
15 issue addressed.

16 Q. When did you have this
17 conversation about the need to
18 monitor the sick call box on a daily
19 basis?

20 A. Not too long ago. Probably
21 two, three weeks ago or so.

22 Q. And before you had this
23 conversation what was the process of
24 monitoring the sick call box?

25 A. The sick call box was to be

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2 monitored by a nurse daily. If the
3 nurse wasn't there, it's supposed to
4 be the HSA. But what happened is
5 there are a lot of work to be done.
6 Sometimes if you don't address it,
7 then it stays and you get busy with
8 other things but it's a problem that
9 right now we have to put it as a
10 priority, the sick call to be
11 addressed first thing in the
12 morning. So that's what I told him,
13 that's why I told him the first
14 thing you do in the morning is go to
15 the sick call box.

16 Q. The nurse who was supposed
17 to be monitoring it was that Joseph
18 Columbo?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And he typically has
21 primary responsibility for
22 monitoring the box?

23 A. Yes. Yes.

24 Q. And you said he's been out
25 for -- could you remind me how long

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2 he's been out for?

3 A. I think probably four
4 weeks.

5 Q. We'll now turn to page 12
6 of Exhibit 15. Do you have it in
7 front of you or can you see it on my
8 screen?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. This is Bates number MCC
11 0212. Is this in response to an
12 e-mail from an individual now
13 identified as inmate 261?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Did inmate 261 send a
16 request for medical care on May 4th,
17 2020?

18 A. Yes, he did.

19 Q. Were you notified about
20 this e-mail?

21 A. No, I wasn't notified.

22 MR. BARNEA: Sorry, Ishita,
23 can you move the other window, I'm
24 trying to see the --

25 MS. KALA: Oh, sorry. Sorry.

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2 to do, how to manage the symptoms,
3 to follow up and things like that.

4 Q. If you conduct an
5 appointment or provide medical care
6 in response to a request for medical
7 care, is that tied in any way to the
8 request on the system?

9 A. Could you repeat the
10 question.

11 Q. Sure. And I'll try to make
12 it a little clearer. So if you
13 conduct an appointment in response
14 to someone requesting medical care,
15 are the details of that appointment
16 tied to the request itself on the
17 system?

18 A. No. I don't see the sick
19 call. So when I'm seeing the
20 inmates, I'm talking to him about
21 the present complaint, the complaint
22 he has not complaint he had before.
23 So of course whatever complaint he
24 has I'm going to address it. So I
25 don't know what he put in his prior